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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Preschool, kindergarten could cost \$26M

By Mike Lydick
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The price tag to replace the current Early Childhood Center could cost \$26 million and increase the average taxpayer's bill by just under \$200.

The new facility would move preschoolers out of the cramped ECC on Perry Lane and also ac-

commodate kindergartners, who currently attend the town's four elementary schools, freeing up space at those buildings. It's a project School Committee member Anthony Bonavita is "100 percent in favor" of, even if it means increasing taxes.

"If you tell me you're going to have a new preschool, kindergarten/early childhood development

center, that I'm going to have that program in a new building, and you tell me my taxes are going up \$100 or \$200 a year, at least I would know where my money's going," he said.

Bonavita spoke at the committee's May 10 meeting where the architectural firm hired to study the feasibility and cost of the new facility made a presenta-

tion. Although concerned about the impact on taxes, he said the committee's primary duty is to argue on behalf of the project: "It's for other people to figure out the bonding schedule and how it's going to get paid."

One of those people is Mayor Richard Cohen, who also chairs the committee. He couldn't address Bonavita's concerns at the

meeting since he was unable to attend.

Cohen said later that at current property values, the cost would be approximately \$173 annually for the average single-family home.

"It would be bonded for 20 years and taxes would have to in-

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Chat with the artist

Jenna Gamelli, winner of the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for her art, talks with visitors at the Spring Arts Fest on May 12 at Agawam High School. Inset: Some of Gamelli's works on display. More photos from the festival on page 8 & 9.
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CITY COUNCIL

No agreement on midterm appointment proposals

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The issue city councilors have tried not to make political continues to turn political.

On Monday night, councilors continued to spar over what would be the best course of action to fill future vacancies on the School Committee arising from a midterm resignation or death. Again, the proposed charter change resolution was tabled after the council couldn't reach an consensus.

Following the process used to replace Roberta Doering, who died in March, three members of the council proposed changing the process so it is in line with how the council replaces members, utilizing the first runner-up in the previous election to fill the remainder of the term.

In the event there are no runners-up willing to serve, or the previous election featured an uncontested race, the School Committee would take applications and interview candidates and name a successor.

During the past few weeks, city councilors have argued over whether that is the best policy, with Councilor Christopher John-

son specifically advocating for not making the first runner-up in the previous election a mandatory factor in naming a successor.

"I don't believe it automatically qualifies that person to get on the committee," said Johnson. "I believe it should be considered, but not be the only factor."

Councilor George Bitzas, who sponsored the original legislation calling for the "seventh person" to get to fill the vacancy, continued to advocate for his position at the May 16 council meeting.

"I believe we need to take the politics out of it," said Bitzas, "and listen to the voters who come out and vote. Who are we to judge who should get the seat?"

At the May 2 meeting, councilors, including Robert Rossi and Richard Theroux, advocated for giving School Committee members input on the issue, since it affects their board.

The School Committee met on May 10 and its elected members agreed that they would like to see vacancies posted for 10 days, with the review of applications, interviews and appointment left up to the remaining School Committee members.

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Vacancy



By 2 p.m. Thursday, May 12, the sign was the only thing left standing at the Agawam Motel on Suffield Street. Story and more photos, page 10-11. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



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In the pink



Agawam town and school employees wore pink on Friday, May 13, in honor of the late Evan Bard, an Agawam High School student who died in a car accident in 2013. Participants in the third annual “Wear Pink Day” also made donations to the EvvGirl Foundation, to benefit NICU and pediatric ICU departments at local hospitals. Pictured are some of the participating employees at Town Hall, where Evan’s mother, Barbara Bard, works. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Book symposium to meet May 26

The Zip One Book Symposium will meet at the Agawam Public Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 26. The title for this season’s symposium is “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr. Copies of the book are available at the main desk at the library and will be available until the day of the discussion.

The Zip One Book Symposium provides adults in the community an opportunity to share their impressions, insights and thoughts on a singular book. Unlike a traditional discussion where participants examine various elements of the book, the symposium provides a unique experience in a round-robin approach. All are invited and encouraged to join. In the past, the symposium has explored “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown, and “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk Kidd.

“All the Light We Cannot See” is the winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize. Doerr, a multiple award-winning author, brings to life the story about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

To register, call the adult services librarian at 413-789-1550, ext. 8851, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

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JEANNE JOHNSON, MD

Asparagus supper returns to Capt. Leonard House

Following the success of last year's event, the Captain Charles Leonard House will once again host an Asparagus Supper to raise funds for the preservation of that historic landmark.

The supper will take place Tuesday, June 7, at 663 Main St., Agawam, and will consist of baked ham, asparagus, potato salad, dessert and a beverage. Seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. will be served by the Captain Leonard House's all-volunteer board of trustees. Takeout meals will also be available.

A surprise hit of last year's supper was an asparagus and blue cheese salad.

"People have strong opinions about blue cheese, so it could have gone either way, but everyone seemed to love it," explained trustee and event organizer David Cecchi. "The salad will be back this year."

Fresh-picked asparagus will once again be donated for the event by E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills and all proceeds from the supper will aid in the preservation of the National Register-listed property, built as a stage tavern in 1805 and operated as Agawam's Community House since 1939.

A donation of \$15 per meal is suggested for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12. There is no charge for children under 6. Reservations are required and take-out dinners are available. Tickets are available by calling the Captain Charles Leonard House at 413-786-9421 or at E. Cecchi Farms, 1131 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The Captain Leonard House was built in 1805 as a stage tavern to serve travelers on the Hartford-Boston route. The Federal-era house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and occupies a prominent location in the Agawam Center National Register Historic District. The house is available to rent for business functions and social events. For more information, call 413-786-9421 or visit www.captainleonardhouse.com.



Agawam's historic Captain Charles Leonard House will host a native Asparagus Supper on June 7, with proceeds to be used for the preservation of the local landmark. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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A ceremonial "Survivor's Lap" marks the official start of the annual Relay for Life of Agawam last year. This year's event is Friday and Saturday, May 20-21. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Relay for Life kicks off Friday night

This Friday, May 15, nearly 500 people will converge at Agawam's School Street Park to "Fight Like Superheroes" for the fifth annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Agawam.

Activities begin at 5 p.m. with a reception and dinner for cancer survivors and caregivers. Opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. will feature speakers and activities. Sue Cimini, a Springfield special education teacher and five-year breast cancer survivor, will deliver the inspirational survivor speech.

Then, a ceremonial "Survivor's Lap" will mark the official start of the Relay as survivors and caregivers march around the park, cheered on by teammates and other participants.

The Relay for Life of Agawam will be held overnight and into Saturday, concluding at noon with a closing "Fight Back" ceremony. Individuals and teams will camp out around the park, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track at all times throughout the 18-hour Relay.

Janine Iacolo, an Agawam resident who is serving her fifth and final year as event chair, said this year's goal is to raise \$85,000. Thirty teams have already raised a total of \$30,000; teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay.

The Relay brings together friends, families, and businesses together to further the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping

them get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. The theme of the Relay this year is "Fight Like a Superhero."

After sundown, the Relay will honor cancer survivors and remembering those lost to the disease with a luminaria ceremony. Participants will silently and solemnly circle the park, surrounded by glowing paper bags that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer.

"Relay provides a unique opportunity for Agawam and surrounding communities to come together to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember those we've lost, and to fight back against the disease," said Iacolo.

"Many participants are themselves cancer survivors," added Samantha Rudd, an Agawam resident serving as this year's co-chair. "Cancer doesn't discriminate. It knows no boundaries — no one and no community is immune to this disease. We are building hope at our Relay for a world where in the future no one will have to hear the words, 'You've got cancer.'"

Funds raised at Relay for Life of Agawam enable the American Cancer Society to impact the lives of those touched by cancer within the community by supporting vital, cutting-edge cancer research; providing cancer patients with services such as transportation to treatment, free lodging at the Society's Hope Lodge, and round-the-clock support at the Society's national cancer information center (available at 800-227-2345 anytime, day or night); publishing lifesaving literature on cancer prevention, detection and tobacco control; and developing a new generation of medicines to help those battling cancer.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Stay safe out there this spring

Though rolling hills with woodland paths and valleys with gliding streams rightly inspire appreciation and even awe, the advent of spring and the approach of summer also increase associated dangers. An ATV accident last week in Granby, Mass., in which a 61-year-old rider died under his overturned vehicle, should serve early notice that warm-weather recreation isn't all fun and games.

A rocky trail and complacency, based on familiarity, are always dangers for operators of these powerful machines, which can be unforgiving of even minor misjudgments. ATVs weigh anywhere from 350 to 800 pounds, and are powered by engines that can range in size from 50 to 680 cubic inches. They can go virtually anywhere, but although used mainly for recreation, they are not toys. Several riders in the Hilltowns to the northwest of Agawam, one actually a passenger, have been killed in ATV accidents in recent years.

There are also cases of accidents waiting to happen. Police departments have often pursued underage ATV and trail bike riders who shoot out of the woods onto public roads and even state highways, oblivious of traffic. Pursuits are often stymied because the machines can go where police cruisers can't. Some towns have had problems with riders tearing up the public watershed.

Another source of danger is the Westfield River, where young people acclimated to backyard swimming pools and urban community pools are unaware of the changeable character of the river. It can transform from a trickling stream in dry weather to a raging torrent after storms. Depths can change unexpectedly where the bottom suddenly drops off; currents can be tricky, capsizing rafts, canoes and kayaks; and rocks, logs and debris can injure or trap swimmers. One rafter went over a small waterfall and for a few moments was unable to escape when the weight of the falling water held him under the surface. Even fisherman have sometimes been swept away by the current or have fallen down steep banks into the stream.

Families and groups of young people have sometimes created problems along the riverbanks, too, leaving trash and debris behind. On several occasions there have been drownings and searches for missing swimmers that sometimes lasted for several days.

Hiking for most people is a healthful activity, but our hilly woods can be treacherous. The ground may suddenly drop off because of an unsuspected ledge; or wet leaves on a steep grade may be as slippery as if they were greased. There are also tempting abandoned Emery mines in Chester, where several spelunkers over the years have found themselves trapped at the bottom of deep shafts and needed to be rescued by local firefighters. On the cliffs of Mount Tekoa in Montgomery and Russell, several hikers and rock climbers have fallen or become lost, also requiring rescue. None of us need to be reminded of the danger posed by quarries, even in our own hometown.

Western Massachusetts is full of natural beauty and wonder, and the desire to explore and enjoy our natural environment is strong among both natives and visitors. But they would be well-advised to stay alert and aware of their surroundings — and in the case of ATV and trail bike riders, to obey the laws that were devised to protect them from themselves.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.



JAY SPEAKS

Taking another look at the Grange

I grew up in a small industrial town. The north and west of the town was agricultural. Many of my schoolmates came by bus from their farms and villages. When it came time for them to speak of their weekends or "what did you do on your summer vacation," their talk was about FFA (Future Farmers of America), or about their "4-H" club, Health, Heart, Home and Hearth. They also talked about visiting the Grange Hall for dancing, or socials, or farm exhibits.

It was a world that many of my fellow students (or myself) were not familiar with. I bring up the subject of Grange now because of three Grange references on the same day.

While enjoying a coffee at my early morning group at McDonalds, a brochure appeared that read Massachusetts State Grange. I studied the brochure and it brought back some memories of my early life. Then later on, I had some business at Storowton and across the parking lot was the New England Grange Building.

Remember that from the "Big E"? We always went there for the musical group and also for the wonderful jellies and jams that we could purchase during our time at the Big E. later on that day, I was on my way to Brown's farm and there on my left was the Community Grange of Feeding Hills, 37 N. West St.

In my modest research, I found that the building dates to 1872. That is shortly after the Civil War. In fact, the National Grange movement began in 1867, right after the war. It was used as a one-room schoolhouse and used as such until 1937 when the Granger School in Feeding Hills was opened. The Feeding Hills Grange bought the building in 1953 and it is still in use as

a Grange Hall. Their web site says that they welcome visitors and interested parties,

Quoting from their brochure about their community involvement is the following:

- Donating to and volunteering at local food banks
- Making care packages for our troops abroad
- Holding agricultural community fairs
- Opening their hall for community events
- Donating dictionaries to local elementary school children
- Providing college scholarships for students

- Supporting foster care
- Supporting the University of Massachusetts Agricultural Learning Center

In a world dominated by speed, high-tech communication, rocketry to outer space, constant conflict all over the world, power and money, it might be nice to think about some of the reasons that the Grange suggests that you join them:

- Lasting friendships
- Family environment
- Fun and enjoyment
- Leadership development
- Community service opportunity
- Grassroots legislative action
- Opportunity to make a difference

My journey from a brochure about a community that I had not thought about since grade school to one that is now active in my mind is great! I hope these notes encourage others to look into this community treasure. Why don't you journey down to 37 N. West St. in Feeding Hills?

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.



Jay Berger
Guest Columnist

School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Tuesday, May 24 — 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting — 7 p.m.
5. Citizen's Speak Time
6. Highlights on Education: Jump Rope for Heart presentation
7. Superintendent's Notes
8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. SCR-16-12, Acceptance of \$6,500 donation from the Springfield Turnverein to purchase gymnastics equipment for Agawam High School (tabled 4/26/16)
 - b. SCR-16-16, School Choice participation
 - c. SCR-16-17, Acceptance of \$4,399.00 donation from the Agawam Gridiron Parents to purchase an end zone camera for the AHS football team

10. Business meeting
 - a. Routine matters
 - 1) Approval of minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers
 - c. Reports:
 - 1). Scheduled reports:
 - Personnel update (paper report)
 - Curriculum Writing/Delivery (paper report)
 - Financial update — R. Clickstein
 - Superintendent's evaluation — W. Sapelli
 - 2). Subcommittee updates
 11. New business:
 - a. SCR-16-18, Request to change the process to fill a vacancy on the school committee
 - b. SCR-16-19, Adoption of School Improvement Plans
 - c. SCR-16-20, Approval of revised IT Specialist — Administrative/Curriculum job description
 12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 13. Adjournment

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FAITH MATTERS

Mother's Day and Mary moments

Mother's Day came and went this year; did it affect you? The next day, the Agawam Congregational Church's Mom's Ministry met, as we do each month. This is a group of diverse women, of all ages and stages in motherhood who have faced varied joys and challenges within their families and come together to listen, learn and encourage one another. In our time together, I challenged them to consider what God is calling them individually to do. To my surprise, every single one of these amazing women already knew. Each of us referred to a form of self-care that we need to make time for, begin, or be faithful in. God is calling mothers to self-care. Gulp. It's not the listening or figuring out this calling that is hard. Rather, the doing is what challenges so many of us.

"Momming," as I call it, the constant active state of being a mother, is hard work. It requires physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual acts of care and service for our families. I read a post on social media that some choose to celebrate with "MUD" or "Mom's Unavailable Day." While I choose to celebrate with my family rather than taking a day off, it got me thinking. Three hundred, sixty-four days a year, mothers drive, work, do laundry, pack lunches, cook dinner, go shopping, clean the house, attend to sick kids, wait for the bus, fix boo-boos, go to doctors' appointments, take care of pets, oversee homework, give hugs and advice and whatever else we accomplish. One 24-hour day is supposed to be enough rest to sustain us through the entire next year? If you do the math, that equates each day to just under four minutes of rest in



Janet Brown

that "MUD." Can we make up for having too much to do and be, canceling out the heavy expectations of this role with only one day of no responsibility?

I don't believe that is what God wants for us. Are you taking time for a Sabbath rest? Are you feeding your soul or giving yourself whatever minutia is left over once everything and everyone else has been taking care of? In Luke 10, we find the story of Jesus visiting a woman named Martha's home. Thrown off by this unexpected visitor that she welcomed home, I can picture Martha running around frantically cleaning, baking and preparing even as Jesus has arrived. (In my house, we call this a "cleaning blitz" and it's generally followed by "Go! Go! Go!") Martha understandably gets frustrated that her sister is hanging out with Jesus, rather than helping her. Jesus sets Martha straight, stating that Mary has chosen better, feeding her soul rather than her "to do" list. Does this mean that Mary never got anything accomplished? I suspect she might have been more productive in her tasks than Martha, once she was grounded in Him.

So where does this leave us? As we look ahead to the summer, put caring for yourself, your heart and your spirit on the calendar each day. Maybe it's sneaking in a workout, drinking your coffee while it's hot, or reading a book. Wishing you a summer of "Mary moments" to strengthen your heart and spirit for all the "momming" to come.

Janet Brown is director of children and family ministries at Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street in Agawam.

Observances slated for Memorial Day

Memorial Day services in Agawam will begin Sunday, May 29, with a service at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., at 10:30 a.m.

On Memorial Day itself, May 30, observances will include gatherings at 7 a.m., at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge, also known as the Strathmore Bridge, 40 Front St., West Springfield, with the West Springfield Veterans Council; 7:25 a.m., at American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield St., Agawam; 7:40 a.m., at Springfield

Street Cemetery, 141 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills; 8 a.m., at Clifford Granger School, 31 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills; 8:15 a.m., at South Westfield Street Cemetery; and 8:30 a.m., at Agawam Center Cemetery, 954 Main St.

The town's parade will begin Monday at 10 a.m. with the assembly point at Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St. It will continue down Main Street to Veterans Green at Main and School streets, with a ceremony to follow.

Obituary

Helen T. Merklein, 95

Helen T. (Quinton) Merklein, 95, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 13, 2016, at Mount St. Vincent Care Center with her loving family by her side.

Born June 21, 1920, daughter of the late James and Julia (Marran) Quinton, she was raised in North Adams and has been an Agawam resident for 60 years. A graduate of North Adams State College, Helen earned a master's degree in education and began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Heath.

Helen was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of its Catholic Women's Club and Over 60 Club. She was active in her community in the Lioness Club and the Agawam Senior Center Golden Agers, Chapter 1.

Helen was predeceased in 1973 by her beloved husband, Roman A. Merklein, and is survived by three loving children, Steven A. Merklein and wife Mai-Janne of Springfield, Marianne M. Swiatek and husband Jack of Montgomery, and Dena M. Cavallon and husband David of Westfield; and cherished grandsons Steven R. Merklein of California and Dane R. Cavallon. She was predeceased by her brothers, James Quinton and Thomas Quinton.

Funeral services for Helen will be held Friday from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will follow in Agawam Center Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001, or the MSV Resident Council Fund, Mount St. Vincent Care Center, 35 Holy Family Road, Holyoke, MA 01040. kozikowskifuneral-home.com



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Strawberry supper to benefit Community Grange

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills will hold its 37th annual Strawberry Supper on Wednesday, June 15. The supper will be held at the Grange Hall at 47 N. West St., with continuous servings from 4 to 7 p.m.

The menu will include baked chicken, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake

with whipped cream and a choice of beverages.

Donation is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Pauline at 413-789-2061. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds will benefit Grange activities.

School files to be destroyed next month

Agawam Public Schools Special Education files from the 2008-09 school year will be destroyed after June 17. Any person who has graduated, moved or has been released from Special Education during 2008-09 may pick up his or her file at the

Special Education office at 760 Cooper St., Agawam, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. prior to June 17. Those with questions or who require further information should call 413-726-1651 or email jkerr@agawam-publicschools.org.

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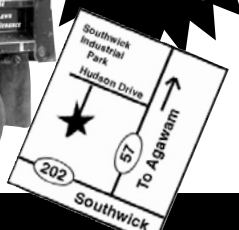
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crease to pay the debt payments each year,” Cohen said. “It will be tight, but the town can afford it if all are willing to increase taxes to do so.”

The town could be looking at adding “approximately \$1,761,375 to the tax levy in the first year of bonding to pay the principal and interest — which would be passed on to taxpayers,” he added.

The mayor stressed that as the project gets closer to happening, “serious discussions” will need to occur regarding funding.

“I do not want to impose a tax burden on our residents and businesses all at once,” he said.

A ‘dire need’

Carmino Mineo also “totally supports” the project.

“It’s a dire need now — we can’t wait three to four years,” he said, adding that the committee needs to look at tax ramifications of bonding. Diane Juzba agreed, saying the project can be done “sooner rather than later.”

The ECC on Perry Lane has served preschoolers in a “temporary” building since 1994. It’s overcrowded and outdated — committee vice chair Shelley Borgatti-Reed called ECC conditions “deplorable.”

In addition to the need to replace the cramped ECC, an analysis prepared by the architectural firm Habeeb & Associates of Norwell, Mass., found elementary schools also have more students enrolled than they were designed to hold:

- Clark School: Capacity of 236 students; current enrollment, 319
- Granger School: Capacity of 280 students; current enrollment, 292
- Phelps School: Capacity of 300 students; current enrollment, 364
- Robinson Park School: Capacity of 300 students; current enrollment, 369

A new facility would free up classroom space for programs such as art, music, and science in grades 1-4.

“This is not just an ECC issue,” said Agawam Supt. William Sapelli. “It affects elementary schools, too. We can no longer accept art, music, and science on carts — they need their own space.”

Architect Steve Habeeb said the town

could apply for partial construction funds from the Massachusetts School Building Authority — but there’s no guarantee it would be invited into the program. If accepted, MSBA funding would be limited to the portion of the facility used by kindergarteners.

MSBA’s lengthy application process would add two to five years to the project. That, along with rising construction costs — about 3 percent per year — could negate any potential savings, he said.

The estimated cost to build a 63,000 square-foot facility without MSBA funds is \$26.5 million. Using MSBA funds, the estimate is \$23.5 million — but the earliest Agawam could be invited into the program is 2017, with construction starting in 2020.

Without MSBA funds, construction could start in 2017 and could be completed by July 2018. With MSBA assistance, the earliest completion date is 2023. Each year the town is not invited into the program adds a year to the project and increases costs.

If construction using MSBA funds doesn’t start until 2021, the facility wouldn’t open until 2025. By then the project’s total cost would nearly equal the cost of the town funding the entire project in 2017.

Bonavita called the MSBA process “a waste” of four to five years. He said the facility is needed, adding that it’s the “next big project” the town should fund.

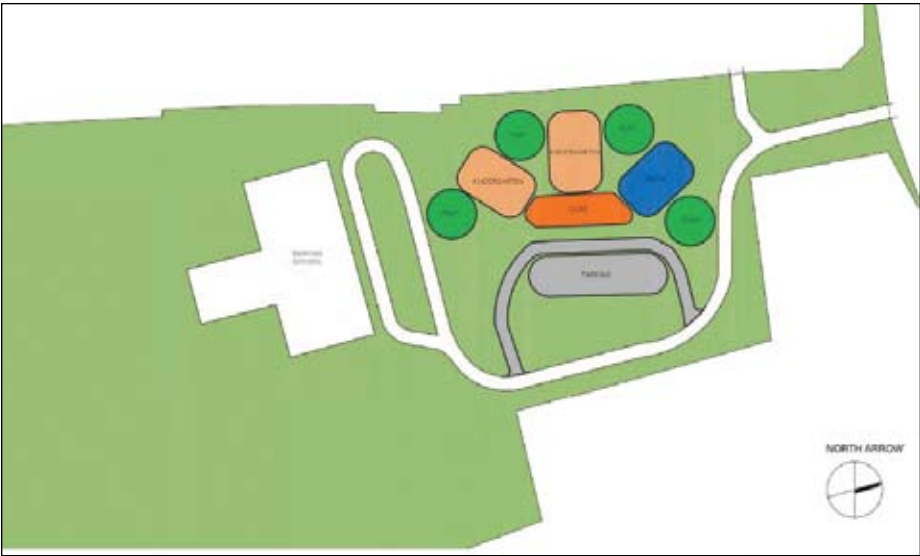
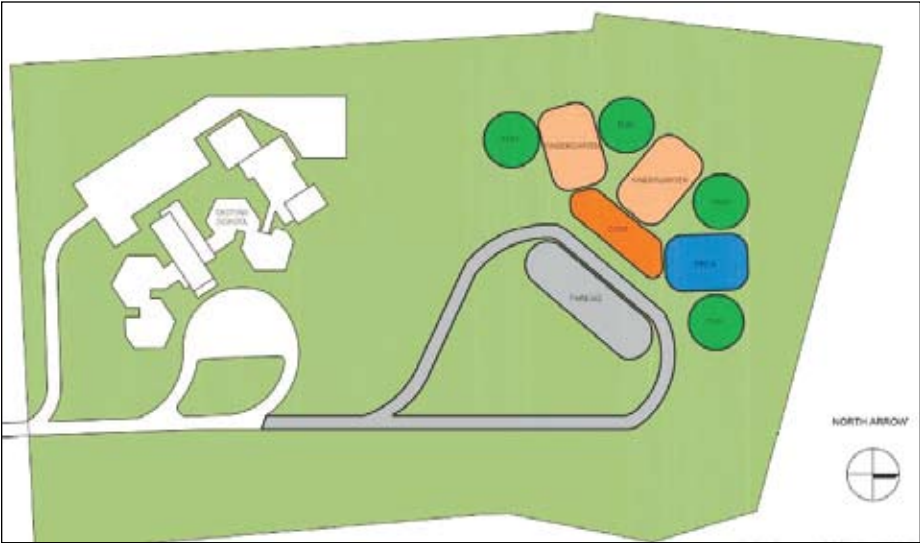
Two potential sites

Habeeb said a wooded section land next to Clark School and the field in front of the junior high school are two potential sites. The advantage at the junior high school site is its location nearer to the center of town, but the Clark site has more available land. A parcel that was previously considered on Mill Street is no longer available.

An addition to an existing school was briefly considered but was determined not to be cost effective.

“Adding to any one of the schools would trigger code issues, likely making the costs higher than new construction,” Habeeb said.

Wendy Rua — who called the overcapacity population at elementary schools “unacceptable” — said she fully supports the project. “It should be built efficiently and in a timely manner. It’s what our staff and children deserve.”



Two renderings from Habeeb & Associates show where a potential Early Childhood Center could be built at the School Department’s two favored sites. In both plans, north is to the right of the rendering, and the building is conceived as a core (in orange) with three wings, two for kindergarten classrooms and one (in blue) for preschool. The green circles are outdoor playgrounds. Option 1, shown at top, shows the new Early Childhood Center behind the existing Clark School on Oxford Street. Option 2, below, shows new construction in what is currently the front lawn of Agawam Junior High School on Springfield Street. SUBMITTED IMAGES

Chamber seminar free to area businesses

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber will host a seminar on how to grow your business online from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9. This free workshop will be held at the West Springfield Public Library at 200 Park St.

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- Chinese mountain range
- Mali capital
- One who restores
- Defunct PlayStation game
- King Cole, musician
- Rock fragments
- Breeze through
- Languishes
- German courtesy title
- Bunko game
- War film “___ Boot”
- Title of respect
- He “sang” with Rob
- Abba __, Israeli politician

CLUES DOWN

- David Alan Grier
- Someone who copies the words or behavior of another
- Franklin is one
- Where rockers play
- Reduces
- Datong Yungang Airport
- Andy’s partner
- A way to dry
- Taka
- Large constellation
- Regrow
- What a surgeon does
- Cool!
- Indigenous people of N. Africa
- Goes great with cheese
- Contains allusions
- A supporter

CLUES DOWN

- ___ Caesar, comedian
- Some are great
- Interpreted
- Hits a pitch
- Local area network
- Soaking
- Stimulates
- Dash
- Female sibling
- Annul
- Scattered fragments
- Chili con ___
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Adult male
- Not night
- Starch
- Zero
- French coins
- Ventilate
- Greatest common divisor
- Touchdown

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 344 calls for service from May 9 to May 16. The department recorded eight arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Monday, May 9

Windy L. Record, 47, of 74 Springfield St., Apt. 1, Agawam, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, two counts of possession of a Class A drug, and one count of possession of a Class B drug.

Tuesday, May 10

Alysha Marie Harvie, 32, of 29 Editha Ave., Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear and charges of assault and battery on a police officer, possession of a Class B drug, and resisting arrest.

Thursday, May 12

Michael C. Comeau, 21, of 32 Carney St., Enfield, Conn., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Friday, May 13

Delilah Maldonado, 36, of 93 Dawes St., was arrested on two warrants.

Jessica Pickett, 29, of 60B West St., Hatfield, was arrested on a warrant and on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

Nicholas Edwards Merrill, 27, of 107 Freedom St., Chicopee, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license revoked as a habitual traffic offender, speeding, failing to wear a seat belt, and failing to display an inspection sticker.

Saturday, May 14

Tyler Hatrick King-Hayes, 20, of 98 Pondview Drive, Ludlow, was arrested on charges of possession of a Class B drug, possession to distribute Class D drug, and trespassing.

Yesenia Y. Orellano, 39, of 10 Chestnut St., Apt. 1407, Springfield, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and possession of a Class B drug subsequent offense.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 68 EMS calls from May 3 to May 9, and the following emergency response calls.

On May 3 at 10:31 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On May 3 at 10:34 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 3 at 11:45 a.m., the department responded to River Road for fire, other.

On May 3 at 7:39 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for gas leak (natural gas or LPG).

On May 5 at 6:50 a.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 5 at 1:50 p.m., the department responded to Doane Avenue for good intent call, other.

On May 6 at 8:29 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On May 6 at 10:10 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On May 7 at 6:35 a.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive for good intent call, other.

On May 7 at 11 a.m., the department responded to Dwight Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On May 8 at 6:26 a.m., the department responded to Forest Hill Road for person in distress, other.

On May 9 at 10:19 p.m., the department responded to Broad Street in Westfield to cover assignment, stand-by, moveup.

‘Paint, Shop’ night to benefit F. H. Grange

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a patriotic “Paint and Shop Night” at the Grange Hall, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 24. The donation is \$20, which will cover the glassware, supplies and instruction by decorative artist Peg Sullivan.

Refreshments will be served and there will be vendors selling their products.

Reservations, which are suggested as seating is limited, may be made by calling 413-789-2061.

Proceeds will benefit Grange activities.

Spaces available for Saturday tag sale

The West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills, will hold its annual Rent-a-Space Tag Sale, Saturday, May 21. The event will take place rain or shine.

Spaces are still available. The cost for a 12-foot by 12-foot space is \$20 or two spaces for \$30. Spaces must be reserved in advance.

For more information, contact Liz at 860-798-1013, Randy at 413-846-3433, or the club at 413-786-5925.

Pedaling wares



Town Engineer Michelle Chase hands a sports drink to Agawam Junior High School student Ashley Hurley on the lawn outside Granger School in Feeding Hills on Monday. The town hosted free tune-ups and bicycle-related giveaways that afternoon as part of Bay State Bike Week. Walking home with Ashley was seventh grade classmate Nicole Depergola. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

CHARTER ■ from page 1

Mayor Richard Cohen, who chairs the School Committee, was not present at the May 2 meeting.

Bitzas said he would support the School Committee’s proposal only as a fallback if the first runner-up in the previous election could not be appointed.

“I have no problem if the School Committee wants to interview and vote on a replacement themselves,” said Bitzas. “But only if there is no one left in the last election to take the seat.”

Cohen said Tuesday morning he supports Bitzas’ version of the legislation.

“I believe in democracy and I think the person who comes in seventh should be able to have the open seat,” Cohen. “But if there is no candidate, I support what the School Committee has drafted.”

Agreeing with Bitzas and Cohen was former School Committee member Linda Galerneau, who spoke during public comment advocating for the runner-up in the election to get the empty seat.

Rossi and Johnson both said the council should respect the School Committee’s wishes.

“The City Council should not be imposing its will on their process,” said Rossi.

Council Vice President Joseph Mineo

noted that the School Committee does not have the authority to pass laws, but “I will sponsor a resolution based on what the School Committee wants.”

Council President James Cichetti questioned whether the School Committee’s proposal would pass at the state level. Any charter change has to be approved by the state Legislature.

“If it is not similar to the process of how the City Council does their replacements,” said Cichetti. “The state Legislature or the attorney general may say no to it.”

The council, following an issue with replacing a member in 2000, now gives a vacant seat to the first runner-up in the previous council election.

Replacement of city councilors and School Committee members are still a very rare occurrence, with just two of each needing replacement during the past 30 years, Johnson said.

To aid in the collaboration process, Cichetti says he will ask the School Committee to consider a joint workshop with council’s Legislative Subcommittee to work out a compromise for the full City Council to consider.

At the end of the discussion, the council voted 8-1 to leave the resolution on the table.



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From left, fourth-grade student Matthew Collier, science teacher Tammy Rumpalik, second-grade student Nicholas Frisino and special education paraprofessional Susan Meunier. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Granger tab collection aids Shriners Hospital

The students and staff at Clifford M. Granger Elementary School in Feeding Hills have been collecting pull-tabs again this year for the Shriners Hospital. Pull-tabs, also known as beverage can "pop-tops," donated to the Shriners are sold to a recycling company and the money collected is used to fund transportation for needy children to and from Shriners hospitals.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals, including one in Springfield, dedicated to improving the lives of children. Children up to the age of 18 are eligible for

care and receive all services in a family-centered environment regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

The total amount of pull-tabs collected this year was 112 pounds, a considerable increase from the 15 pounds collected last year. The first place room was Amanda Fazio with 26 pounds and second place was Nancy O'Keefe with 17 pounds. The school's PTO will provide pizza for both winning classes.

The event was organized by science teacher Tammy Rumpalik and Susan Meunier, special education paraprofessional at the school.

Lifting their voices



The high school's All Girls Chorus performs under the direction of Sonja Funk. at the Spring Arts Fest on May 12 at Agawam High School. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY KATE ANDERSON



Tonal Tenacity, the Honors Chorus at AHS, sings Aretha Franklin's "Chain of Fools."

Bandathon this month to benefit school music programs

Bandathon 2016, a daylong music festival to celebrate the music program in the Agawam school system, will take place Saturday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no admission or parking fee, but donations will be accepted.

The event is hosted by the Agawam High School Band Parents Association. The goal is to not only provide financial and moral support to the band director and students, but to organize and run events that foster community involvement.

This is the third year for Bandathon. Christopher Sparks, director of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, has been instrumental in moving the event to School Street Park in an effort to involve not only students and parents in the band program, but all Agawam residents.

Agawam was recently honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchandisers Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

Tickets on sale

VIP combo tickets for the Bandathon are available for purchase at the AHS Band car wash to be held at Rocky's Hardware, 10 Springfield St., Agawam, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21; at the Band Time Concert at Agawam High School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25; and at the Agawam High School Band Parents Association tent at Bandathon, where they will be on sale from 10:30 a.m. with last call at 4 p.m. The VIP tickets are \$10 per person and include a choice of a hamburger or hot dog, chips and a drink, three dunk tank tickets, and entry into the grand prize raffle, which is only available with a VIP ticket. The grand prize includes four tickets to see the Boston Red Sox versus the Kansas City Royals at Fenway Park on Aug. 28 and round-trip transportation provided by King Ward Coach Lines.

More than music

Also part of Bandathon will be independent direct sales consultants, local artisans, authors and local businesses. Hamburg-

ers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, fried dough, homemade doughnuts and ice cream will be available for purchase, and a bake sale that will include "decorate your own cupcakes."

Vendors will be accepted until the day before the event. The cost is \$35 per space. Vendors must bring their own table, tent and chairs and provide a raffle item. To sign up or for more information, contact Meleen Gaynor at 413-530-8529.

A musical themed cupcake competition will take place at noon. Entry is free. Interested bakers (amateurs only) should bring six cupcakes, all the same kind, to be judged in two categories, taste and decoration. Prizes will be awarded at 2 p.m. For more information and to sign up, contact Robyn Iserman at robyn.bird@comcast.net.

The event will also include backyard carnival games, face painting and a dunk tank featuring band directors, instructors and teachers willing to take the plunge as a fundraiser.

There will also be an alumni memorabilia area offering those in attendance the opportunity to take a walk down AHS band memory lane with dozens of scrapbooks, photos, uniforms and more.

Disc jockey services and audio will be provided by 1997 Agawam High School graduate Chris Hamel of Chris Hamel Productions, who will also provide entertainment and raffles throughout the day.

Join the bands

The Agawam Community Band is open to all current students in at the Roberta G. Doering School, Agawam Junior High School and Agawam High School, as well as all alumni. Music will be available by drop-box no later than Friday, May 20. Selections will be patriotic marches and concert band standards. There will be no rehearsal prior to the event. Anyone interested should contact Jodi Albertson 413-386-5291 or msjodia@aol.com, or Aaron Hibbert on the Facebook page Agawam Alumni and Community Bands

The Agawam Alumni Jazz Ensemble is open to current AHS Jazz Band students

Schedule of events

Bandathon 2016 will take place Saturday, May 28, at School Street Park in Agawam.

11 a.m.: Opening ceremonies will feature the Agawam American Legion Honor Guard, Agawam Community Concert Band and Agawam High School Color Guard and dedication of the band shell to Darcy B. Davis, retired Agawam High School band director who was instrumental in creating the music program as it is known today in Agawam.

Noon: Agawam Alumni Jazz Ensemble directed by 1985 alumnus Todd Connery.

1 p.m.: Blue Skies Big Band New England.

2:15 p.m.: SDRUM featuring AHS alumni John Losito and Brian Pioggia.

3 p.m.: Agawam's Got Talent Competition hosted by local newscaster Chris Pisano. \$100 cash prize. Cost to enter is \$20 for an individual or group. Must be an Agawam resident. Limited to music, instrumental or vocal, and dance.

4:15 p.m.: Grand prize raffle drawing, awards, music and more.

and alumni. Those interested should contact Todd Connery at toddconnery06@gmail.com or Jodi Albertson.

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Special interest programs

Westfield State University is offering a free summer course to any students participating in any dual-enrollment program for the first time. Interested students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and the course must be in the common core. The dates of the eligible session are May 23 to June 30. If you have questions about the program or would like an application, please see your counselor.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: The Online MBA Report; Horatio Alger Association & Technical Scholarship; American College Foundation; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship; Class of 1980 Scholarship; Amherst Orchid Society; Jewish Endowment Fund; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; The Phillips Scholarship Fund; The Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College Filene Music Scholarship Competition; B. Davis Scholarship; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Hampden County Improvement League; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship; The Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship.

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Jordan Cook stands by one of her works on display.



Art by Carina Savoie.



Frank Mastromatteo displayed a series, “How Songs Feel.” TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY KATE ANDERSON



Senior Megan Carlin, headed to Salem State University to major in communications, poses with her art.



Art by Marino Cipriani.



Jenna Beach stands with her work at the Spring Arts Fest on May 12 at Agawam High School.

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School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, May 23:** Chicken patty on a roll, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, May 24:** French toast sticks, cheese omelet, hash brown, sausage link, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Wednesday, May 25:** Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, May 26:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, May 27:** Chicken cutlet grinder, lettuce and tomato, onion rings, fresh and chilled fruit.

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- Monday, May 23:** Popcorn chicken with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, May 24:** French toast sticks with syrup, hash browns, pork sausage link, fresh fruit, strawberry cup.
- Wednesday, May 25:** Hot dog with bun, French fries, vegetarian baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit, diced peach cup.
- Thursday, May 26:** Cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, onions rings, carrot sticks with ranch, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, May 27:** Wild Mike's pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, May 23:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Tuesday, May 24:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Wednesday, May 25:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Thursday, May 26:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
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Bill Babcock, operating an excavator for Associated Building Wreckers of Springfield, takes his first swing at the Agawam Motor Lodge at 10:33 a.m. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



The excavator smashes through the north wall of the motel.



The demolition company kept a steady stream of water on the rubble to minimize the dust cloud.



Debris covers the foundation of the motel partway through the demolition.



The lobby of the motel being torn down.

No plans yet to build on

By Michael J. Ballway
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There may be a vacancy at the north end of Suffield Street for quite some time.

The Colvest Group demolished the Agawam Motor Lodge last Thursday, but doesn't know what will replace it. Instead, the group plans to cart the rubble out of town, fill in the foundation and leave the lot vacant.

Asked what his plans were for the property, Colvest president and CEO Frank Colaccino replied, "We don't have any."

Colaccino said he decided to knock down the building because it was simply outdated.

"It's outlived its useful life," he said.

It took nearly three hours to bring down the building on May 12, as town officials and townspeople looked on — from the parking lot across the street at Rocky's Ace Hardware and from car windows as they passed along Suffield Street.

"It wasn't always like this," recalled School Committee member Shelley Borgatti-Reed, whose father Ed was one of the original investors who built the Agawam Motor Lodge. She remembered the motel from her childhood as a destination for high-profile visitors to Agawam and

West Springfield: "They had big bands stay there — all the bands from the Big E."

She said three men contributed \$10,000 to start the motel, probably in the late 1950s: Borgatti; Henry Balderelli; and Wally Marino, who ran the motel.

The downstairs bar and restaurant were an after-hours destination for townspeople, Borgatti-Reed said. She acknowledged, however, that the motel's glory days were long past. Recent history has seen it described as a nuisance property, a hotbed for crime, saddled with fire code, health code and building code violations. The town took the owner to court and tried to shut the motel down last summer; the owner eventually shuttered it and sold the property to Colvest in February.

"It needed to be done," Borgatti-Reed said. "This whole area needed to be upgraded. ... I'm definitely not sad about it."

Colvest already owns the adjacent vacant lot at the corner of Suffield and Main streets, where a Getty gas station once stood. Colaccino said the possibility of combining the gas station lot with the motel for redevelopment was part of what made purchasing the motel attractive. He said the right use for the gas station and motel properties would "probably" be some form of commercial development.

Officials Colaccino

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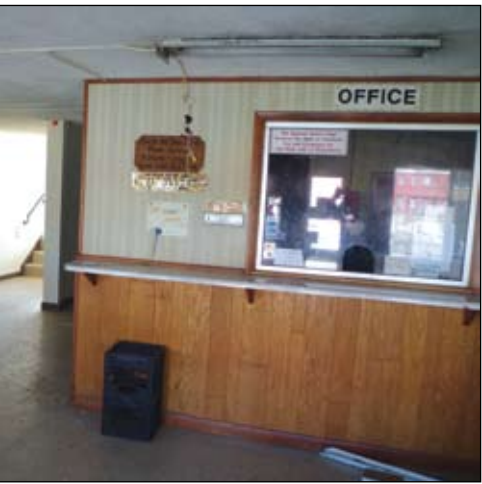
demolished motel site



pose for a photograph during a break in the demolition. From left are Peter LaPointe, vice president of the Colvest Group; Mayor Richard Cohen; Frank [unclear], president of the Colvest Group; Town Planner Marc Strange and City Councilor Richard Theroux.



One of the motel's decorative brick columns has spilled into the back parking lot during a break in the demolition.



el, photographed through locked doors just before



The excavator's arm rises from within the cellar of the motel as the demolition nears its end.



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SPORTS

GIRLS LACROSSE

Tournament-bound Brownies trounce Warriors

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School girls lacrosse team is already heading back to the Western Massachusetts Tournament.

With a win over Tantasqua Regional High School last Saturday in their annual “Pink Game” with proceeds being donated to fight cancer, the Brownies are now focused on getting better in their final regular season games with an uphill battle coming up against their powerhouse opponents, Longmeadow and Minnechaug.

Against Tantasqua, the Brownies scored 11 goals in the first half while Sabrina Christie completely shut out the Warriors on her end of the field.

The Warriors were not without their chances to score. They made a couple of intercepted passes as well as picked up some ground balls. But each time they got an opportunity, Agawam defense, along with Christie, turned

them away.

The Brownie offense, meanwhile, continued to convert on their chances, coming out with a 17-1 decision.

The Brownies spread their offense around, with Julia Serra and Christie Mirski scoring three goals each, Emily Oliver, Katie Martin, Izzy Liquori and Nina Bruno scoring two goals each, and three others with single goals. Christie also finished with seven official saves while allowing just a single goal in the second half.

Eliza Timms also had a big game with a goal and five assists for six points, a game-high along with Martin’s two goals and four assists. Coach Carla Warner is focused on getting her entire lineup prepared to face some tough challenges in the tournament. Along with Minnechaug and Longmeadow, the new Central/West format adopted by the MIAA the past couple of years, could pit Agawam against



Taia Vivenzio tries to defend against a Tantasqua midfielder. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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SOFTBALL



Maria Moccio makes contact in the fourth inning. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Agawam squeaks by Belchertown in rain-shortened game

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – A rain-shortened game turned into a no-hitter for Agawam’s Allison Wheeler, as the Brownies got past Belchertown 2-0 last Friday afternoon.

Wheeler, who is gearing up for her final playoff run with the Brownies, pitched very well, and only allowed a baserunner due to an error in the top of the fifth inning.

Prior to that, no one could get on base for the Orioles.

Meanwhile, the Brownie bats also had a little bit of trouble getting going. They managed just two runs in the bottom of the second inning.

It started with a base hit by Si-

erra Kruser, the Brownie catcher. She then moved up when Emily Fountain was hit by a pitch. Samantha Stratton then came to the plate and laid down a sacrifice bunt, moving both runners into scoring position.

Jenna Beach then sent an RBI single, plating the first run. Katie Grasso would hit a sacrifice fly to right field to drive home another run to make it 2-0.

Agawam also had small threats in the first and fourth innings. In the first, Wheeler socked a one-out double, and Maria Moccio was walked. But Belchertown pitcher Margaret Dull worked her way out of the inning.

In the fourth, Beach picked up

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BOYS LACROSSE

Brownies need league win to reach postseason

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – A key league loss last week has put the Agawam High School boys lacrosse team on the brink of playoff elimination, or qualification.

Thus making their game scheduled for May 19 the most crucial matchup of the season.

The Brownies suffered a tough loss against East Longmeadow 9-8 last Thursday afternoon. The Spartans, with the win, avenged a 13-12 win scored by Agawam on April 18.

Agawam is now 4-2 with two Valley League games remaining, Pope Francis, their opponent for May 19, has one league game remaining against the Brownies. The Cardinals are 5-2.

If Agawam can beat Pope Francis, they would take over second place in the league with a 5-2 record, dropping Pope Francis to 5-3. The victory would also clinch Agawam at least a tie of second place, thereby guaranteeing them a spot in the Western Massachusetts Tournament.

Last Thursday, the Spartans needed two overtimes and scored the winning goal in the second extra frame. Matt Guerin was able to tally past Zack Fiedler to get East Longmeadow a win.

Agawam would trail by just one goal at halftime, but the two teams stayed continuously close and the Brownies and Spartans both scored goals to enter overtime tied 8-8.

Both teams played flawless defense during the first overtime. Each team had a couple of chances to score, but neither team was



Rob Mirolli takes a look up the field.



Matthew Lockwood starts a play from behind the West Springfield goal.



Matt Lemke tries to deke a defender. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Central Mass. competition early in the tournament.

The Brownies have now won four straight games, also beating Northampton, West Springfield, and East Longmeadow during their winning streak.

In a 13-6 win over the Blue Devils last Thursday afternoon, Agawam outscored their hosts 6-1 in the first half, and kept scoring in the second half to keep the game out of reach.

Serra would lead the team with four goals, while Martin finished with three goals. Timms had another big-point game with two goals and three assists.

They also scored wins 17-4 over West Springfield and 17-5 East Longmeadow. Agawam is 9-3 so far this season. They have two losses against Longmeadow and have split their season series against Minnechaug with a win and a loss.

To finish out the season, Agawam will meet East Longmeadow and South Hadley a second time each and will close out their season against Amherst.



Players scramble for a ground ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Nina Bruno winds back to make a long pass.



Eliza Timms starts a run up the field.

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her second hit of the day to put runners on first and second with two outs. But Grasso would fly out to right to end the inning.

Wheeler came out for the fifth inning and got the first two outs. A runner then reached base on an error before the umpire called both teams off the field due to the increasing rains. The rain lightened up a bit and the team re-took the field. Wheeler was able to record one more out to finish off the top of the fifth inning and make the game official.

The teams were then called off the field again and the bottom of the fifth never got started as the umpires would later call the game, awarding the shortened win to Agawam. Wheeler would strike out seven and did not allow a walk.

Dull also pitched very well for Belchertown. She went five innings, allowing two runs on four hits. She walked two and struck out one against one of the best offenses in Western Massachusetts.

The Orioles are just 2-12 this season. Coming up, the Orioles will be facing Mahar Regional before having a league rematch against Longmeadow, one of the two teams they own victories over on May 23.

Agawam is now 12-2 this season and have already qualified for the tournament, seeking to defend their title. The Brownies will host Ludlow on May 18, then complete the regular season with league games next week.



Gianna Perella swings and hits a ground ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Sierra Kruser slides into second base.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, May 19

Boys Lacrosse	
Agawam at Pope Francis	4 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse	
South Hadley at Agawam	4 p.m.
Softball	
Ludlow at Agawam	4 p.m.
Boys Tennis	
Agawam at Chicopee	4 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Baseball	
Agawam at Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse	
Agawam at East Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Girls Tennis	
Agawam at Belchertown	4 p.m.
Boys Volleyball	
Agawam at Chicopee Comprehensive	6 p.m.

Saturday, May 21

No games scheduled.

Sunday, May 22

No games scheduled.

Monday, May 23

Baseball	
Pope Francis at Agawam	4 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse	
Northampton at Agawam	4 p.m.
Softball	
Agawam at Westfield	4 p.m.
Boys Volleyball	
Agawam at Sci-Tech	5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24

Baseball	
Agawam at Chicopee Comprehensive	4 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse	
Amherst at Agawam	4 p.m.
Girls Tennis	
Agawam at Ludlow	4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25

Softball	
Amherst at Agawam	4 p.m.
Boys Tennis	
Agawam at Minnechaug	4 p.m.

Senior league seeks players

AGAWAM – The Agawam Men's Senior Golf League is looking for golfers. We play nine holes of golf every Thursday morning starting at 8 a.m. at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. We are looking for golfers who like to play golf and also have fun. Come on down to the course on any Thursday morning and sign up. For more information, call Herb Carpenter (413) 786-4228 or Al Riberdy (413) 786-5563.



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Sports

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able to find the right opening. Bill Calcidise, the Spartan goalie, had a good overtime and finished with 22 saves overall.

Fiedler, who made six saves in the defeat, did not have to stop many shots in overtime, but Guerin made the most of his shot.

The Brownies were led by Tytus Moen, who had the hat trick. Matt Lemke would score twice and T.J.

Maniscalchi finished with a goal and three assists.

Last Saturday, the Brownies made the long trip to Tantasqua Regional High School, and suffered a 12-7 defeat against the Warriors. The Brownies last victory came in Valley League action against West Springfield under the lights at Clark Field. Agawam would control much of the early part of the game, not allowing a goal for the first 14 minutes of the game. Agawam had the game in hand 6-1 by halftime. West Springfield had an uptick of offense in the second half, but the Brownies overmatched them to keep the game in hand.

Maniscalchi had four goals. Lemke, Shaun Noonan and Anthony Passerini had two goals each. Fiedler and Adam Mazza combined for 12 saves.

Agawam closes out its regular season against another Valley League opponent, Northampton.



Anthony Passerini winds up for a hard shot on goal. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Matt Lemke tries to corral a ground ball.

Teams wanted for Casagrande Tournament

LUDLOW – The 15th annual Lou Casagrande Tournament hosted by the Ludlow Baseball Association will take place from July 26-31.

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There are three divisions: U11 (8-10), U13 (10-12) and U15 (12-14).

Teams must supply their own game balls.

Go to ludlowbaseball.org for forms.

Legals

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Dzhenzherukha for property located at Lot 0 Sunnyslope Avenue.

By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski,
Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

5/19/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD16P0620GD**

In the interests of
**Ryan Joseph Kavney
Of Feeding Hills, MA
Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 04/07/2016 by **JeriAnn Bachta** of Feeding Hills, MA will be held 06/07/2016 01:45 p.m. Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 50 State

Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103

2. Response to Petition:
You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

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3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

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Date: April 20, 2016
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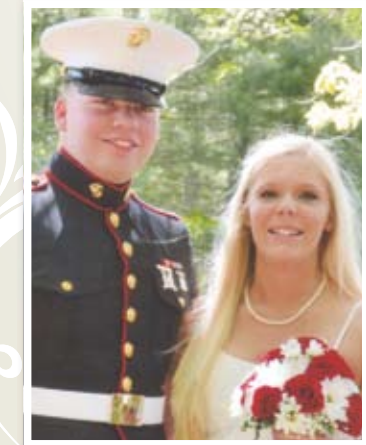
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Friday, May 20

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE from 2-5 p.m., \$3 for the public, free for Friends members; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at no charge for all. All proceeds to benefit library programs.

Saturday, May 21

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will focus on diabetes, cardiovascular health and healthy living. The public is invited. Free screening and measurements of blood sugar and blood pressure. The AJHS PTO is also hosting a tag sale on that day. The school is at 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH chicken, biscuit and gravy supper at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. For reservations, call Dot Bettinger at 413-357-6698. Tickets may be paid for and picked up at the Fellowship Hall door. The church is at 16 Granby Road, Granville.

SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to noon on the Quadrangle at the Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards St. This club scholarship fundraiser will offer annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, and container plantings from members' gardens and area nurseries, a vintage garden boutique, and an auction of prime plants.

Sunday, May 22

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11178 spring breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Father Shea Hall at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children, and free for children under the age of 5. There is a \$25 maximum per family.

SCHOLA NOVA performance as part of the American Guild of Organists Invitational, "A Festival of Choirs, Brass and Organ" begins at 4 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut St., Springfield. Free to the public. Donations accepted.

Tuesday, May 24

A MEET AND GREET with artists from Free Lunch Comics from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Artwork will be exhibited at the library through May 31.

Wednesday, May 25

"CHAIR FIT PLUS: BEGINNER STRENGTH CLASS" with the YMCA at 10:30 a.m. the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The program will focus on the fundamentals of muscle strengthening, including core and balance. All exercises include the use of a chair. Registration not necessary.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS of Western Mass. panel discussion on Mental Health and Elders from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Baystate Conference Center, 361 Whitney Ave., Holyoke. Keynote Speaker Dr. Benjamin Liptzin, former chair of psychiatry, Baystate Health. For more information, contact Jennifer Higgings, NAMI-WM vice president, at jhiggins@namiwm.org or 413-439-2261.

Thursday, May 26

2016 WORLD'S KIELBASA FESTIVAL AND INTERNATIONAL FAIR today from 4-10 p.m.; tomorrow from 4-11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Monday from noon to 9 p.m. at the Young & Stroh Building, Coliseum and outdoor area on the grounds of

the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$10; five-day pass, \$35; children 12 and under free with p aid adult; seniors, \$3; students, \$5 with identification.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Hollywood: Wild West to Movie Mecca," featuring Anne Barrett, historical lecturer, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Monday, May 30

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM at 35 Elm St., Agawam will be open from noon to 3 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com or follow on Facebook.

Wednesday, June 1

WEST OF THE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will present "Wicked Wednesday" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Storowton Tavern, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Free for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members, and open to all. Non-members must pay at the door. For more information contact the Chamber at 413-426-3880 or info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Thursday, June 2

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES will feature Sarah the Fiddler from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Storowton Village Green, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

THE CRAA ARABIAN SUMMER HORSE SHOW takes place today through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Friday, June 3

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL is hosting a benefit dinner dance at Crestview Country Club from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Jeff Gavioi and his 18-piece big band will provide the music. \$45 per person. For further information, contact Maryellen Sullivan at 413-575-1759 or rudee38@comcast.net.

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER of Western Mass, Inc. chicken cacciatore dinner at 6 p.m., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Reservations on first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members. Must be paid for in advance. Call Nancy 413-827-9350.

STYLIST TONY ISHAM will present "WOW — Women or What?" an evening of entertainment featuring female impersonators at Chez Josef in Agawam. Proceeds to benefit Open Pantry. Tickets are \$45 each; table of 10 for \$400. For tickets, contact Lynne Goldberg at 413-530-8453 or Kim Kennedy, of Open Pantry, at 413-746-6241.

Saturday, June 4

THE RUBBER STAMP & PAPER ARTS FESTIVAL takes place today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$8 ticket for adults good both days; Sunday, \$6; free for children 11 and under. Discount ticket info available at heirloompro.com.

THE ANTIQUES & MODERN FIREARMS SHOW takes place today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$12 for adults; free for children under 12 with parent/guardian. Discount coupon at northeastgunshows.com.

Sunday, June 5

THE SOUTHWICK GRANVILLE CROP HUNGER WALK at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. Registration at noon and the walk will kick off at 1 p.m. To register, contact Clayton Cigal Jr. at clctocigal@yahoo.com or Marie Daniels at 413-562-1050.

Wednesday, June 8

CHUCK KLING, SUFFIELD RESIDENT AND PHOTOGRAPHER, will present a slide show on his trip to Antarctica at 7 p.m., at Kent Memorial Library. To register, visit www.suffield-library.org, call 860-668-3896 or stop by the library at 61 Fyler Place, Suffield.

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Juried 3D Art Object Show on display today through Saturday at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Included will be works of sculpture, both traditional and contemporary; craft objects made out of jewelry, metal, glass, fabric, basket and gourd; and wall hanging 3D art. Free and open to the public.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

CONNECTICUT MORGAN OPEN HORSE SHOW today through Saturday with sessions at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Thursday, June 9

AUTHOR TALK AT KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 61 Fyler Place, Suffield, will feature Karl Cicitto and Alan Cohen, authors of "100: The 100-Year Journey of a Baseball Journeyman, Mike Sandlock." Register online at www.suffield-library.org, by phone at 860-668-3896 or at the library.

Saturday, June 11

A STRAWBERRY SUPPER at First Congregational Church of Granby, 219 North Granby Road, Granby, Conn. with sittings at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$12 for adults; \$7 for children under 12. For reservations, call the church at 860-653-4537.

Sunday, June 12

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Thursday, June 16

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES continues with the Cici Santucci Jazz Quintet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Storowton Village Green on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Friday, June 17

GIANT INDOOR TAG AND RUMMAGE SALE today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, 331 Elm St.,

Westfield. Shoppers are asked to use the rear entrance from the parking lot with handicapped accessible ramp.

HARNESSING MUAY BORAN LLC, a Muay Thai martial arts studio in Feeding Hills, will host "Kick Start in Martial Arts," a two-day expo focusing on how martial arts plays a vital role in health and wellness, at the MassMutual Center today and tomorrow. For more information, visit www.kickstartinmartialarts.com.

Saturday, June 18

A STRAWBERRY SUPPER at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway at 6 p.m. Cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. For reservations, call 413-569-6362.

STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM opening day festivities take place from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include guided tours of the historic buildings with costumed interpreters teaching about daily life in the 19th century. For more information about events offered during Storowton Village's summer season, call the office at 413-205-5051 or visit TheBigE.com/sv.

Sunday, June 19

MARK'S BIG E AUTO EXPO takes place form 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the outdoor area on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$10; free for children 12 and under.

Friday, June 24

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW today through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Thursday, June 30

THE ARABIAN HORSE SHOE OF NEW ENGLAND from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

ONGOING

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, May 23: Pasta fagioli, turkey and cheese on whole-wheat, lettuce and tomato, pears.
Tuesday, May 24: Sausage with peppers and onions, pasta with extra sauce, mixed fruit.
Wednesday, May 25: Chicken gratin, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, pudding.
Thursday, May 26: Cheeseburger, macaroni salad, coleslaw, peaches.
Friday, May 27: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, baked good.

Calendar of Events

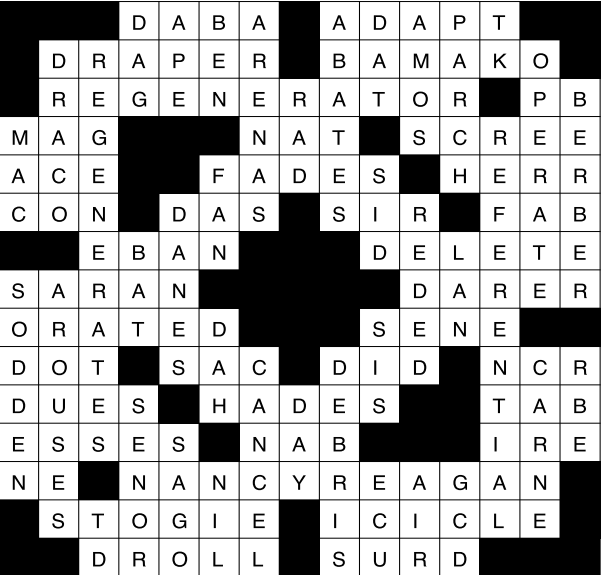
Monday, May 23: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing, Century 21 home selling seminar (Garden Room); 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 3 p.m., senior theater group; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Tuesday, May 24: 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard meets at

St. John's field; 10 a.m., chair exercise, Computer Tech Club meets; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, no movie, ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game, "Sinatra Sings" spring variety show (\$5); 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 6:30 p.m., evening sewing class.

Wednesday, May 25: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m.,yoga; 9:30 a.m., Senior Fitness Walk (meet in dining room); 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, May 26: 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art, free blood pressure check; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing, cancer support group.

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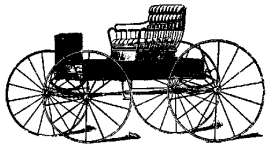
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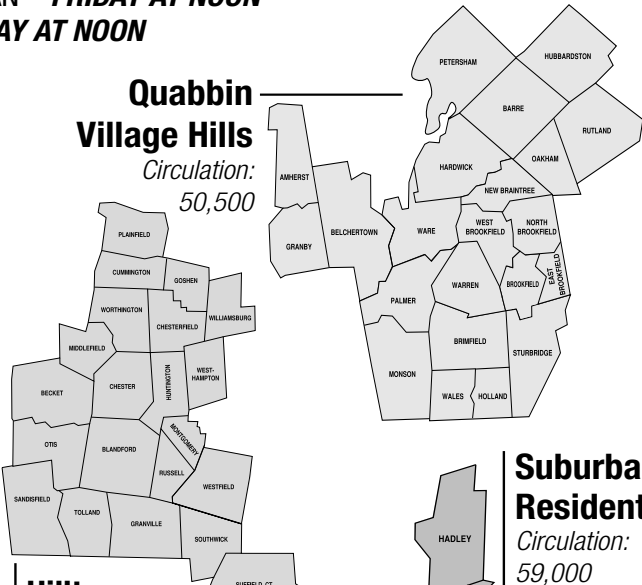
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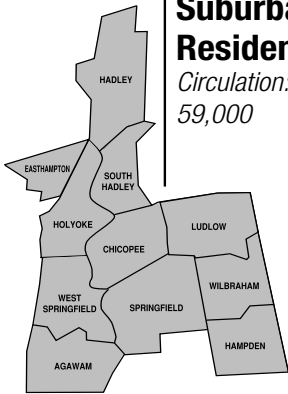


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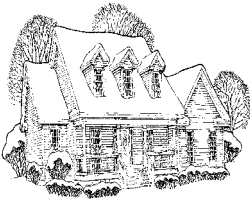
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Mrs. Bonnie Canty, of Feeding Hills, is proud to announce the engagement of her son, Michael David Canty, to Bobbi Jo Wapner, both of West Springfield. The future groom, a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School, is the son of the late Michael Canty. No date has been set for the wedding. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jump Start to take Pam's place next month

Jump Start Preschool will be taking the place of Pam's Place at 605 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, in the beginning of June.

Jump Start will provide a "home away from home" learning-based environment with a developmentally age-appropriate curriculum. Dedicated to the values of respect and dignity for every child and their parents, the goal of Jump Start is to foster an environment that will help promote growing experiences by building confidence, positive self-concept, and socialization skills, while also focusing on knowledge and independence.

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Jump Start Preschool currently has an open enrollment.

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Another look

Above: Little leaguers take to the bounce house while waiting for their turn at the home run derby.

Right: Christopher Johnson, 11, warms up during in-town Little League Opening Day festivities at Agawam Memorial Field on April 30. Additional photos were printed in the May 5 Agawam Advertiser News. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Stunning sunset



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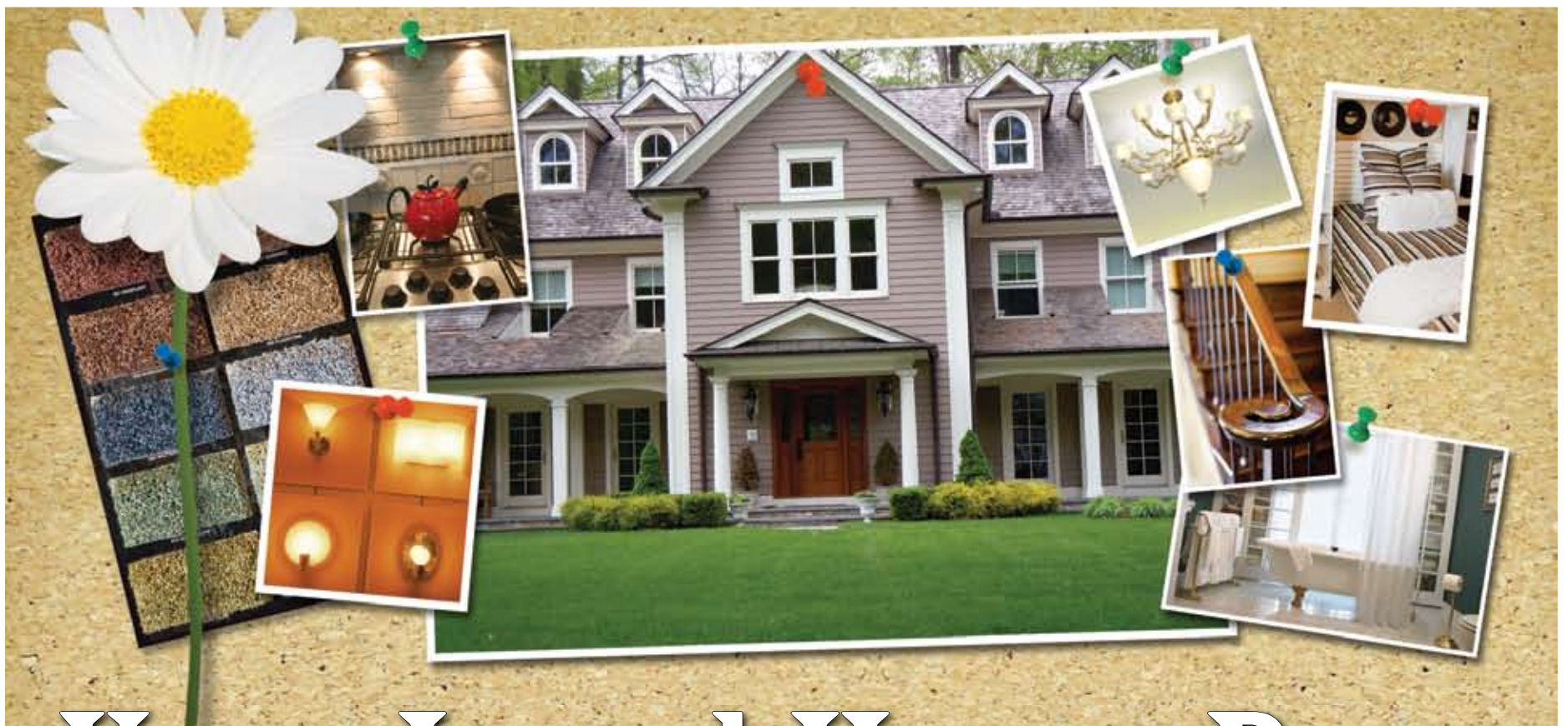


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